

New Mexico - Grants Field Office
FY 2004 Ranking Criteria Worksheet - Grazing Lands

Applicant: _____ Farm No. _____ Tract No. _____ CMS Field No's. _____ Date: _____
Tribal Land _____ Non-Tribal Land _____ Preliminary Rating ____ Final Rating ____

1. Plants - Potential Points 120

Note: Growing season for cool season and warm season species will be from April 1 to October 1. (184 Days)		% Area in Contract Before Treatment	% Area in Contract After Treatment.	Potential Points	Points - Bench Mark	Points - After
Grazing Plan:	Intensive Livestock Grazing			40		
	Seasonal Livestock Grazing			20		
	Continuous Livestock Grazing			0		
Deferment Period:	>75% of Growing Season			50		
	51-75% of Growing Season			30		
	26-50% of Growing Season			10		
	0-25% of Growing Season			0		
Stocking Rate:	1 AUM/ > 11.0 acres			30		
	1 AUM/ 9-11.0 acres			20		
	1 AUM/ 6.5-8.9 acres			10		
	1 AUM/ <6.4 acres			0		
1. Plants				Total:		

2. Conservation Practice(s) Section - 265 Potential Points

Practices used in this section of the ranking criteria, and intended to be included in the conservation plan of operations, must be cost shared. Higher priority (value) is given to those practices which address multiple resource concerns, are cost effective, and have longer life spans. Practices in this section are grouped, one or all practices may be used.	Potential Points	Percent of Need - To be installed	Points - After
Soil Erosion (Sheet and Rill and/or Wind Energy)			
WATER DEVELOPMENTS - PERENNIAL: 516,533,574,614,642,648 (3 PTS. EA.)	18		
EROSION CONTROL PRACTICES: 410,342,362 (3 PTS. EA.)	9		
VEGETATION IMPROVEMENT PRACTICES: 314 (10 PTS)	10		
VEGETATION IMPROVEMENT PRACTICES: 342,382,550 (2PTS. EA.)	6		
Water Quality (Surface Water Contaminants and Suspended Sediment)			
WATER DEVELOPMENTS - PERENNIAL: 516,533,574,614,642,648 (3 PTS. EA.)	18		
WATER DEVELOPMENTS - INTERMITTENT: 378,521A,521C,521F,636 (1 PT. EA.)	5		
EROSION CONTROL PRACTICES: 410,342,362 (3 PTS. EA.)	9		
RIPARIAN AREA ENHANCEMENT PRACTICES: 382,580,392,584,657 (2 PTS. EA.)	10		
Air Quality (Airborne Smoke and Dust)			
WATER DEVELOPMENTS - PERENNIAL: 516,533,574,614,642,648 (3 PTS. EA.)	18		
EROSION CONTROL PRACTICES: 410,342,362 (3 PTS. EA.)	9		
VEGETATION IMPROVEMENT PRACTICES: 314 (10 PTS)	10		
VEGETATION IMPROVEMENT PRACTICES: 314,342,382,550 (2 PTS. EA.)	8		
Plants Condition (Health and Vigor)			
WATER DEVELOPMENTS - PERENNIAL: 516,533,574,614,642,648 (3 PTS. EA.)	18		
EROSION CONTROL PRACTICES: 410,342,362 (3 PTS. EA.)	9		
VEGETATION IMPROVEMENT PRACTICES: 314 (10 PTS)	10		
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2. Conservation Practice(s) Section - Continued

	Potential Points	Percent of Need - To be installed	Points - After
Animal Management (Population and Resource Balance)			
WATER DEVELOPMENTS - PERENNIAL: 516,533,574,614,642,648 (3 PTS. EA.)	18		
WATER DEVELOPMENTS - INTERMITTENT: 378,521A,521C,521F,636 (1 PT. EA.)	5		
WILDLIFE PRACTICES: 612,657,648,650,441,380 (2 PTS. EA.)	12		
VEGETATION IMPROVEMENT PRACT: 314 (10 PT)	10		
VEGETATION IMPROVEMENT PRACTICES: 342,382,550 (2PTS. EA.)	6		
RIPARIAN AREA ENHANCEMENT PRACTICES: 382,580,392,584,657 (2 PTS. EA.)	10		
Water Quantity (Overland Flow)			
WATER DEVELOPMENTS - PERENNIAL: 516,533,574,614,642,648 (3 PTS. EA.)	18		
WATER DEVELOPMENTS - INTERMITTENT: 378,521A,521C,521F,636 (1 PT. EA.)	5		
2. Conservation Practices Section	Total:		

3. Other Considerations - Potential Points 25

	Potential Points	Benchmark Points	After Points
A. At risk species are in the area and the contract will enhance habitat for the species.	10	0	
B. Treatment of this land could have a beneficial impact on a 303d listed stream segment.	10	0	
C. Treatment of this land could enhance the benefits of an active sec. 319 project. Or land is within a sec. 319 project area.	10	0	
D. Proposed contracted area will be treated to eradicate and/or prevent infestation of Class A and/or Class B noxious weeds, as designated by NMDA.	10	0	
E. The land is within a NMED designated Category I Watershed.	10	0	
3. Other Considerations			
	Total:	0	

Points Earned (After minus Benchmark): Sec. 1 _____ Sec. 2 _____ Sec. 3 _____ Total _____

Designated Conservationist

Date